

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Swearingen et al.** § Group Art Unit: **2141**
Serial No.: **10/815,210** § Examiner: **Shaw, Peling A.**
Filed: **March 31, 2004** § Attorney Docket No.: **AUS920030808US1**
For: **Method and System for**
Authorizing a Restricted Callable Status
in an Instant Messaging System §

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

No fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is necessary, I authorize the Commissioner to charge the necessary extension fees to Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Prior to continued examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of Claims begins on **page 2** of this paper.

Remarks begin on **page 5** of this paper.